NW COLORADO BOCES ARRA FUNDING UPDATE 9/22/09

The NW Colorado BOCES submitted application for the ARRA funds on behalf of their member districts on June 30, 2009 The application was submitted for the following ARRA funds:

- ♦ Title IA ARRA
- ♦ Title IID ARRA
- ♦ IDEA PART BARRA
- ♦ IDEA PRESCHOOL SECTION 619 ARRA

These funds can be utilized over a two year period (school years 09-10 and 10-11). The total amounts the member districts of the NW BOCES will apply for are:

- ♦ Title IA ARRA-\$217,982
- ♦ Title IID ARRA-\$8146
- ♦ IDEA PART B ARRA-\$870,037 (09-10-\$435,019)
- ♦ IDEA PRESCHOOL SECTION 619 ARRA -\$30,926 (09-10-\$15,463)
- \Diamond Total ARRA funds for 09-10 and 10-11 school years-\$1,127,091

These funds will be utilized for the following:

Title IA ARRA

- ♦ Title I Paraprofessionals to provide direct services to at risk students
- ♦ Staff development in the areas of reading and math
- Olassioom coaching as a follow up to staff development to embed this the participating schools
- ♦ Intervention systems for students to increase student achievement and proficiency levels especially for at risk populations
- ♦ Progress Monitoring systems for assess student proficiency and progress
- ♦ Curriculum resources in the areas of reading and math

Title II D ARRA

A cooperative staff development program has been designed to train teachers on how to better integrate technology in their classrooms as per 21st Century Skills. Teacher leaders will be trained on the new ISTE standards and will implement this training for staff members in their respective districts including our 8th grade literacy assessment.

IDEA Part B ARRA

- ♦ Staff development for all teaching staff working with student with disabilities
- ♦ Materials for student use in the classroom
- ♦ Assistive technology for specific student use
- ♦ Capital improvements such as a lift for a wheelchair bound student
- \Diamond Other uses as defined by district needs

IDEA PRESCHOOL Section 619 ARRA

Classroom capacity has been increased for some of our districts at the preschool level and these funds will be used for materials, playground equipment and personnel for these classrooms

As stated the application for these funds was submitted on June 30 2009 and was reviewed by the Colorado Department of Education in July. After review the CDE provided feedback in mid August to the NW BOCES and asked for modifications to our application and granted us substantial approval. The modifications were submitted by Sept 4, 2009 and we are anticipating final approval in the next two weeks. Once we receive final approval we will begin to request and utilize these Federal funds for our member districts. The impact of these funds is difficult to gauge at this time as we have not received ARRA funds to date. Once received we anticipate a positive impact on students and staff members alike as stated above in the section on utilization of funds.